REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 10, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

In the Office Action, claims 1-16 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of co-pending application no. 10/083,594. Applicants submit that the above rejection is rendered moot for the following reasons.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is submitted herewith. Therefore, the above rejections of claims 1-16 is rendered moot. Applicants respectfully submit that the submission of the terminal disclaimer attached hereto places claims 1-16 in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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